

CHAPTER: III <b>OTHER PROGS &amp; SRVCS</b>	SECTION: 6 <b>FOOD STAMPS</b>	COMAR: <b>07.03.17</b>
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**Qualifying Note:** The Food Stamp Program is a separate FIA program administered by case managers. Program information, including basic eligibility requirements, is provided here.

## **PURPOSE**

The Food Stamp program (FSP) increases the purchasing power of eligible households so they may obtain a more nutritious diet through normal food distribution channels

## **HOUSEHOLD**

- A. A FS household may be composed of any of the following:
  - 1. An individual living alone
  - 2. An individual, living with others, but customarily purchasing food and preparing meals separate and apart from the other residents
  - 3. A group of individuals who live together and customarily purchase food and prepare meals together
  - 4. An individual, 60 or older, and spouse, living with others, who is unable to purchase food and prepare meals because of a permanent disability as defined under the Social Security Act or suffers from a severe but non-disease related permanent disability
- B. All members of a TCA assistance unit and any SSI customers in the household are categorically eligible for Food Stamps (FS) while others are eligible if they meet the requirements set forth in the FS manual
- C. Non-household member or separate FS household status cannot be granted to:
  - 1. Parents living with their natural, adopted, stepchildren, or children age 21 or under
  - 2. Children younger than 18 and living under the parental control of an adult household member other than a parent ( except foster children)
  - 3. A spouse of a member of the household

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- Food Stamp Manual
- Post Eligibility Benefits – Food Stamps